

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1877

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is a 100% preventable childhood epidemic that affects Missouri's youngest citizens; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis has a lead poisoning rate eight times the national average; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education among parents, educators, and communities is key to lead poisoning prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, HealthCare USA has formed a collaboration with the St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition, Clear Corps, and the St. Louis Black Repertory Company to develop the lead poisoning prevention community theater education initiative, "Jimmy's Getting Better"; and

WHEREAS, funded by a grant from Eli Lilly, the "Jimmy's Getting Better" project will educate the St. Louis community regarding the impact of lead poisoning on children and families; and

WHEREAS, HealthCare USA has taken a leadership role in developing this lead poisoning education initiative for the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for HealthCare USA and its collaborative partners, the St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition, Clear Corps, and the St. Louis Black Repertory Company for their creative approach to educating families and communities about childhood lead poisoning, and further extend our best wishes to Missouri healthcare providers that follow the lead of HealthCare USA and its corporate "good citizenship" in assuring that collaborative efforts to address lead poisoning are undertaken by private-public partnerships that benefit all of Missouri's children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for HealthCare USA.

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